GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN ALLOCATION OF GOODS UNDER PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Union Government to increase allocation of goods supplied through Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Details of requests of Government of Tamil Nadu to increase the allocation of goods, through Public Distribution System, are as under:

Allocation of Foodgrains: The State Government has made a request to increase the monthly allocation of wheat to 10,000 tonnes on a regular basis from April, 2007 onwards. Considering the request and the stock position, the Government has made an additional allocation of 6250 tonnes of wheat for the Above Poverty Line (APL) category, each for the months of April and May 2007, besides their monthly allocation of wheat, which is 3783 tonnes per month.

Allocation of levy Sugar: No request has been made by the State Government of Tamil Nadu to increase allocation of levy sugar quota.

Allocation of SKO: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has received representation from Government of Tamil Nadu, for the enhancement of SKO quota. In view of requests received from various State Governments for increasing the SKO allocation, the Government of India commissioned a detailed study of Kerosene demand in the country, through the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in December 2004. NCAER submitted its report in October, 2005. NCAER has inter alia recommended to restrict the subsidy on kerosene to BPL families only. Also, Dr. Rangarajan Committee constituted by the Government to formulate a long-term pricing policy on petroleum products has recommended to restrict PDS SKO subsidy to BPL families only. The Government has accepted the recommendations of Dr. Rangarajan Committee Report and has decided `in principle` that subsidy on PDS Kerosene be restricted to BPL families only.